THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 26, 2020

Subject: Appointment of Gwen Wisler to the Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail, Inc. Board of Directors.

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Lucy Crown, Greenway Planner

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution appointing Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler to the Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail, Inc. Board of Directors.

Background:

- The Fonta Flora State Trail is the second state trail in North Carolina. It starts in Burke County at Lake James and is planned to extend through McDowell and Buncombe Counties to terminate in Asheville.
- The City Council of the City of Asheville approved the adoption of the Fonta Flora State Trail extension to Asheville on December 13, 2016, via Resolution # 16-273.
- The Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail, Inc. is a newly formed non-profit organization designed to support local jurisdictions to coordinate and hasten the planning and implementation of the Fonta Flora State Trail from Morganton to Asheville.
- The Board of Directors is currently being formed and will be made up of elected officials, economic development officials, and trail builders from the three county area.
- Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler, liaison to the Greenway Committee, was invited to sit on the board for a three-year term.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility
- Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- All committees suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.

Pro(s):

- The City of Asheville will have a representative on the Board of Directors.
- State trail status should provide high level planning and funding opportunities to governing entities that are involved with the state trail.

Con(s):

- Time commitment would be required for the city's representative.

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no fiscal impact for this action.

Suggested Motion:

- Adopt a resolution appointing Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler to the Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail, Inc. Board of Directors.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICE-MAYOR GWEN WISLER TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE ON THE FRIENDS OF THE FONTA FLORA STATE TRAIL, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the 100 mile Fonta Flora State Trail is a recognized multi-county regional trail from Lake James to Asheville; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, the City of Asheville adopted the extension of the Fonta Flora State Trail to terminate in Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail, a non-profit organization designed to support the local effort to coordinate and hasten the planning and implementation of the Fonta Flora State Trail, is currently being formed and the board is made up of elected officials, trail representatives, and economic development officials from the 3 county area; and

WHEREAS, because she is the liaison of the City of Asheville's Greenways Committee, Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler was invited to be the representative of the City of Asheville by the Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail; and

WHEREAS. The City of Asheville strives to improve transportation and accessibility plus have a connected and engaged community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

Vice-Mayor Wisler be and she is hereby authorized to represent the City of Asheville on the Friends of the Fonta FLora State Trail to serve a term of three years.

Read, approved and adopted this the 26th day of May, 2020.

City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney